

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL NOTE

HB 710 - SB 1034

February 18, 2013

SUMMARY OF BILL: Includes a parent's conviction of trafficking a person for a commercial sex act under Tenn. Code Ann. § 39-13-309 as a ground for initiation of termination of parental rights if a child of the parent is one of the victims of the offense.

ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

Assumptions:

- According to the Administrative Office of the Courts, the proposed legislation may increase the caseload of juvenile courts and state trial courts where termination matters may be filed but any increased expenditure will be not significant and can be absorbed within existing judicial resources.
- According to the Department of Children's Services (the Department), the proposed legislation will potentially increase the number of termination of parental rights procedures under this circumstance, however these terminations could likely occur under current law. Any impact in the Department's expenditures will be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

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Lucian D. Geise, Executive Director

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